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# **EXHIBIT A**

STATE OF SOUTH CARC	2013C ¥ 1010001130
COUNTY OF CHARLEST	) CIVIL CASE NUMBER ) IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT ) SUMMONS
Mark Fitzhenry 10 Brigadier Drive Charleston, SC 29407 (843) 209-0278	- <del>*</del>
PLAINTIFF(S)	COPY RECEIVED
Vs	JAN 12 2016 AGENT
Receivables Performance Management, LLC	SHEPPARD & PURDY, LLP 999 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Stc. 2525 Seattle, WA 98104

#### **DEFENDANT(S)**

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## READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

December 23, 2015

## IN THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS COURT

MARK FITZHENRY, individually,

Plaintiff

vs.

RECEIVABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LLC, AND JOHN DOE, whose true identity is unknown,

Defendant.

Case No. 2015CV1010601154

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

## ADDRESS FOR REGISTERED AGENT FOR DEFENDANT RECEIVABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LLC,:

Mr. Andrew Shafer 999 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ste. 2525 Seattle, WA 98104 4032

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ADDRESS FOR DEFENDANT JOHN DOE:

Unknown.

#### PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

#### **Preliminary Statement**

The Plaintiff Mark Fitzhenry ("Plaintiff") individually, alleges on personal knowledge and on information and belief as follows:

#### NATURE OF ACTION

1. During October and November, 2015, Defendant RECIEVABLES

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LLC, (hereinafter, "RPM") and/or JOHN DOE, or others

acting on behalf of Defendants, initiated a series of calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone line

using an automatic telephone dialing system and/or prerecorded message without having first obtained for themselves Plaintiff's prior express written consent.

- 2. The calls were initiated with an automatic telephone dialing system to a cellular telephone line subscribed to by the Plaintiff, (843) 209-0278.
- The alleged call(s) violate the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. (hereinafter referred to as the "TCPA") and the FCC's regulations prohibiting such call(s) at 47 CFR 64.1200(a)(1)(iii).
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- Plaintiff brings this action for statutory damages and injunctive relief under the
   TCPA, all arising from the illegal actions of the Defendants.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction. The Plaintiff is entitled to up to \$1,500.00 in statutory or trebled damages for each call that has violated the TCPA.
- 7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants RPM and/or JOHN DOE as they have engaged in a joint venture designed to solicit consumers in the state of South Carolina and, as such, Defendants have established minimum contacts showing they purposefully availed themselves to the resources and protection of the State of South Carolina.
- 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over RPM and/or JOHN DOE because the conduct at issue in this case occurred in South Carolina, through the making of call(s) to a

cellular telephone using an automatic telephone dialing system and/or the delivery of text message(s), and, thus, constitutes the conduct of business in this State.

#### **PARTIES**

- 9. Plaintiff Mark Fitzhenry is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an individual citizen of the State of South Carolina.
- 10. Defendant RECIEVABLES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LLC, is registered as Washington state limited liability company.
- 11. The Defendants initiated or caused others to initiate to his cell phone, FIVE (5) or more calls made by an automatic telephone dialing system.
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# THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 1991 (TCPA), 47 U.S.C. § 227

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- 20. Plaintiff Fitzhenry is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 21. On October 19, 2015 at approximately 9:33 AM, the Plaintiff received a call to his cellular telephone, (843) 209-0278, using an automatic telephone dialing system without the calling party first having obtained his prior express written consent.
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- 26. Plaintiff did not provide prior express written consent to Defendant RPM, or any other entity or affiliate of Defendant RPM, to initiate the phone call(s) made through the use of an automatic telephone dialing system to initiate a call(s) his cellular telephone line.

#### The Defendants' Marketing Scheme

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- 28. In the call(s) complained of herein, Defendants, or a third party acting on behalf of and for the benefit of Defendants, initiated text message(s) and or call(s) using an automatic telephone dialing system to Plaintiff's cellular telephone line.

#### CAUSES OF ACTION

#### FIRST COUNT

## VIOLATION OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEQ.

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 30. Defendants did initiate, or cause to be initiated, FIVE call(s) to the Plaintiff's cellular telephone line, using an artificial voice or prerecorded message and/or automatic telephone dialing system without first obtaining Plaintiff's prior express consent, violating 47 CFR § 64.1200 (a)(1)(iii).
- 31. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendants constitute FIVE violation of the TCPA, including but not limited to each of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.
- 32. As a result of the Defendants' violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 (b)(1)(A)(iii), Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500 in statutory damages for FIVE call(s) in violation of the statute, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

# KNOWING AND/OR WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEQ.

- 33. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all other paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully stated herein.
- 34. The foregoing acts and omissions of the Defendants constitute FIVE knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA, including but not limited to each of the above-cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

35. As a result of the Defendants' FIVE knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., Plaintiff is entitled to treble damages of up to \$1,500 for each and every call in violation of the statute, pursuant to the FCC's regulations at 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief against the Defendants:

- A. Injunctive relief prohibiting such violations of the TCPA by the Defendants in the future;
- B. As a result of Defendants' statutory violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii), Plaintiff seek for themselves \$500 in statutory damages for each and every call that violated the TCPA, to be paid jointly and severally by the Defendants as a whole;
- C. As a result of the Defendants' willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b), Plaintiff seeks treble damages, as provided by statute, of up to \$1,500 for each and every call that violated the TCPA, to be paid jointly and severally by the Defendant;

D. Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted, The 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015

> Mark Hitzhenry Plaintiff, Pro se

10 Brigadier Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

#### **VERIFICATION**

The undersigned states and swears that all the foregoing allegations are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and bolief.

Mark Fitzhenry

Subscribed and sworn before me by Mark Fitzhenry on this the 22 rd day of December, 2015.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires on 128 20%

#### IN THE CHARLESTON COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S COURT

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEFENDANT

#### If you do not wish to oppose the plaintiff's claim you may:

Contact the plaintiff and make an out-of-court settlement with the plaintiff before the trial date and file with the magistrate court a dismissal of the case signed by the plaintiff, or

Make no answer to the complaint. In that case, the plaintiff will be given a default judgment against you in the amount specified in the complaint.

#### If you wish to oppose the claim:

- a. You must file an answer with the magistrate's court within 30 days after the date of service. If you fail to answer within that time period, you lose your right to defend the case and the plaintiff will be given a default judgment against you in the amount specified in the complaint. Your answer may be made in writing in a form approved by the magistrate within the time limit specified in the summons.
- b. If you answer within the specified time, you will be notified of the time and date of trial. You must maintain a correct mailing address with the Court and you must appear for trial. Should you fail to appear, you lose your right to defend the case and the plaintiff will be given a default judgment against you in the amount specified in the complaint.
- c. At the time of trial you must bring with you all books, papers, witnesses, and evidence you have to establish your defense.
- d. At your request the court will issue a subpoena for any witness you may need (You must request the subpoena as soon as possible and before the trial date). If THE SUBPOENA MUST BE SERVED BY A DEPUTY, THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL \$8.00 FEE THAT MUST BE PAID TO THE COURT FOR SERVICE OF THE SUBPOENA.

If you desire a jury trial, you must request one within FIVE (5) working days before the date set for trial. If no jury trial is timely requested, the matter will be heard and decided by the magistrate.

If you have a claim against the plaintiff that grows out of the same transaction or occurrence as the plaintiff's claim, you may file a Counterclaim. The Counterclaim must be filed with the magistrate within the time limits specified in the summons for answering. The Counterclaim must be made in writing in a form approved by the magistrate. Your Counterclaim will be tried at the same time as the Plaintiff's claim if it does not exceed the jurisdiction of the magistrate to hear. If the Counterclaim exceeds the magistrate's jurisdiction, the entire matter will be transferred to the Circuit Court.

If you have a claim against the plaintiff that does <u>not</u> grow out of the same occurrence or transaction as the plaintiff's claim, you may file a claim (complaint) against the plaintiff. This claim would be heard separate and apart from the plaintiff's claim against you.

If you are a member of the Armed Service of the United States, please advise the court upon the receipt of this summons.

If you are under 18 years of age, please advise the court upon receipt of this summons.

If you are a prisoner in any municipal, county, state, or federal prison, please advise the court upon receipt of this summons.

You may be represented by an attorney, but are not required to have one. The magistrate's court will explain the procedure of the court and will help you prepare papers related to your action if you require such assistance. The Court cannot, however, represent you, provide you with an attorney or give you any legal advice.

If you are a business and are going to be represented by a Non-Lawyer, a Non-Lawyer Authorization Form must be included with your Answer/Counterclaim. (See 33-1-103 SC Code of Laws)

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Receivables Performance Management, LLC	Andrew Shafer
	999 3rd Avenue Ste. 2525 Seattle, WA 98104
DEFENDANT(S)	
On I was served with a Comp service. My Answer, which is hereby filed with the	laint requiring me to answer within thirty days from the date of Charleston County Summary Court, is as follows:
CHECK ONE:	based on the following: (use additional pages if necessary)
B.  I admit everything in the complaint a C.  I admit that I am responsible, but not additional pages if necessary)	nd do not want a trial.  for the total amount claimed by the Plaintiff(s) because: (use
D. I deny that I am responsible at all bec	cause: (use additional pages if necessary)
YOU MUST FILE THIS DOCUM	LENT WITH THE COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS
THE DEFENDANT/PLAINTIFF STATES THAT THE TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE.	INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ANSWER IS TRUE AND CORRECT
DATED:	
SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT(S) (OR ATTORNEY)	
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# EXHIBIT B



**Service of Process** Transmittal

CT Log Number 528493148

01/19/2016

TO: Mark Case

Receivables Performance Management, LLC

20816 44th Ave W Unit Main Lynnwood, WA 98036-7744

RE: **Process Served In South Carolina** 

Receivables Performance Management LLC (Domestic State: WA) FOR:

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Mark Fitzhenry, etc., Pltf. vs. Receivables Performance Management LLC and John

Doe, etc., Dfts.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Amended Summons, Verified Complaint, Verification, Amended Answer

COURT/AGENCY: Charleston County Small Claims Court, SC

Case # 2015CV1010601156

**NATURE OF ACTION:** Plaintiff sustain damages and demand a judgment against defendant for violation of

the telephone consumer protection act

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: CT Corporation System, Columbia, SC

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Certified Mail on 01/19/2016 postmarked: "Illegible"

**JURISDICTION SERVED:** South Carolina

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 30 days from the first day after receipt of this summons

ATTORNEY(\$) / SENDER(\$): Mark Fitzhenry

10 Brigadler Drive Charleston, SC 29407

843-209-0278

**ACTION ITEMS:** SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day, 782202600405

Email Notification, Andrew Shafer ashafer@sksp.com Email Notification, Brian Carpenter bcarpenter@sksp.com

Email Notification, Mark Case mcase@receivablesperformance.com

SIGNED: CT Corporation System ADDRESS: 2 Office Park Court

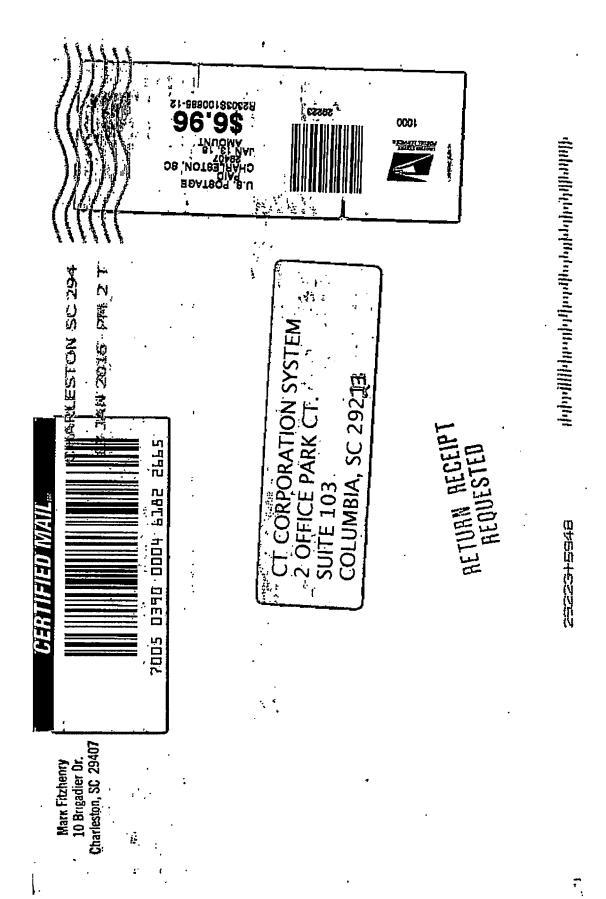
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Columbia, SC 29223 TELEPHONE:

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Case No. 2015cv1010601156

FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED IN CHARLESTON COUNTY

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CITY SMALL CLAIMS COURT

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C T CORPORATION SYSTEM 2 OFFICE PARK COURT STE. 103 COLUMBIA, SC 29211

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Unknown.

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- 28. In the call(s) complained of herein, Defendants, or a third party acting on behalf of and for the benefit of Defendants, initiated text message(s) and or call(s) using an automatic telephone dialing system to Plaintiff's cellular telephone line.

#### CAUSES OF ACTION

#### **FIRST COUNT**

# VIOLATION OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 47 U.S.C. § 227 ET SEO.

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 30. Defendants did initiate, or cause to be initiated, FIVE call(s) to the Plaintiff's cellular telephone line, using an artificial voice or prerecorded message and/or automatic telephone dialing system without first obtaining Plaintiff's prior express consent, violating 47 CFR § 64.1200 (a)(1)(iii).
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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant Plaintiff the following relief against the Defendants:

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  - D. Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted, The 12th day of January, 2016

Mark Fitzhenry
Plaintiff, *Pro se*10 Brigadier Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

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## VERIFICATION

The undersigned states and swears that all the foregoing allegations are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Mark Fitzhenry

Subscribed and sworn before me by Mark Fitzhenry on this the the day of January, 2016.

Notary Public for South Carolina My commission expires on 2/25/2014

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Receivables Performance Management, Llc	C.T. Corporation System
2.Office Park Court Ste. 103	
Columbia, SC 292117 DEFENDANT(S)	
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On I was served with a C	omplaint requiring me to answer within thirty days from the date of
service. My Answer, which is hereby filed with	the Charleston County Summary Court, is as follows:
CHECK ONE:	
A. [] I contest the jurisdiction of the co	ourt based on the following: (use additional pages if necessary)
B.  ladmit everything in the compla	int and do not want a trial.
C. I admit that I am responsible, but	t not for the total amount claimed by the Plaintiff(s) because: (use
additional pages if necessary)	
D I deny that I am responsible at al	l because: (use additional pages if necessary)
b, I dony that I am responsible at an	1 because, (use additional pages it necessary)
YOU MUST FILE THIS DOC	CUMENT WITH THE COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS
THE DEFENDANT/PLAINTIFF STATES THAT	THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS ANSWER IS TRUE AND CORREC
TO THE BEST OF HIS/HER KNOWLEDGE.	
DATED:	
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SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT(S) (OR ATTORI	NEY)
**IF MORE THAN ONE DEFENDANT, ALL MU	ICT DILD ANDS/DD##
II MORE THAN ONE DEPENDANT, ALL WE	Dat file answer
PLEASE RETURN TO:	
Small Claims - City	
995 Morrison Drive, P. O. Box 941	
Charleston, SC 29403	
Phone: (843) 724-6720	